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SUBJECT: UK REQUEST THAT EMBASSY NDJAMENA PROVIDE WORK
SPACE AND SERVICES TO UK DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN CHAD

REF: A. NIGRO-AF/C EMAIL 04/04
[1](#)B. NDJAMENA 111
[1](#)C. NDJAMENA 103
[1](#)D. NDJAMENA 100

- [1](#)1. This is an action message -- see para 8.
- [1](#)2. (U) The UK FCO has renewed its request to us to provide work space and services to a UK diplomat to be deployed here for an undetermined length of time (REF A).
- [1](#)3. (SBU) We strongly support a UK diplomatic presence in Chad on a permanent or semi-permanent basis (REFS B and D).
- [1](#)4. (SBU) In view of our current Embassy facilities, we would have difficulty providing space for a UK diplomat. There will be security issues to consider as well, although we understand that those have been worked out in other locations where the USG has hosted UK officials on a long-term basis.
- [1](#)5. (SBU) We have discussed both our desire to see a UK diplomatic presence here in Chad, and the space-related difficulties that we envision with hosting a UK diplomat, with visiting UK delegations. We have recommended that HMG seek space from the EU Commission Delegation or from the French or German Missions here, among other possibilities (REF D).
- [1](#)6. (SBU) We suspect that there may be political factors involved in the UK's failure to secure, or unwillingness to accept, space and services from a European partner.
- [1](#)7. (SBU) We therefore request that this issue be addressed in Washington and European capitals.

ACTION REQUEST

[1](#)8. (SBU) That the Department address this matter with EU, UK and French officials, with the goal of satisfying the UK's stated desire to establish a diplomatic presence in Chad on a permanent or semi-permanent basis in a location acceptable to all concerned.
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